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Education

PhD, 2011: University of Melbourne, Faculty of Engineering, Melbourne, Australia. MSc, 2006: Monash University, School of Mathematical Sciences, Melbourne, Australia. BSc/BEng, 2001: University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia (Major: Math./Env. Eng.).

Professional Experience

- NOAA/ESRL Physical Sciences Division / University of Colorado, CIRES: Research Scientist III (04/2017-current)
- NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office / University Space Research Association: Research Associate, Scientist II, Scientist III (05/2011- 02/2017)
- NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office / University of Maryland Baltimore County: Research Associate (02/2011-05/2011)
- Centre National de Recherches Météorologiques (CNRM) / Météo-France: Associated Scientist (04/2010-12/2010)
- Australian Bureau of Meteorology Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research: Professional Officer (06/2004-06/2008)

Bio/Current Responsibilities

Clara Draper's research is focused on land data assimilation, with a particular interest in coupled data assimilation in atmospheric systems. She currently leads land data assimilation research at the NOAA Earth System Research Laboratories, Physical Sciences Laboratory, where she is developing a coupled land/atmosphere data assimilation intended for use in NOAA's operational weather forecasting systems. Previous to this, she was with the NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office, where she developed and tested a coupled land/atmosphere data assimilation system that is planned for use in NASA's future reanalyses.

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